



Meadow Matters

Welcome to the newsletter of Fairy Meadow Demonstration School

Week 8, Term 4 - Monday 5th September, 2016

Principal's Report

"Folks are usually as happy as they make up their minds to be." (Abraham Lincoln)

Kindergarten Orientation Session 3

This week started with our 2017 Kinders meeting their Year 5 Buddies for the first time. It was great to see the immediate rapport with our very caring and supportive Year 5 students. The many parents crowded into our 2 Kinder Rooms were so happy with their children making so many new friends. Our Year 5 will be with our Kinders from Day 1 to help them settle into Big School.

Thankyou to the Many Positive Messages

The staff and children certainly appreciate the hundreds of positive comments on our Facebook Page, as well as the many emails and letters I receive about our very dedicated and caring staff and amazing children. Thankyou to the Mums, dads and one particular grandfather (not mentioning John) who forwarded very appreciative messages to the school, in particular, Mrs T, Mr Napper, Mr Prior and our very talented senior students after our amazing Southern Stars and equally amazing and fun Book Week and Parade. I also would like to mention that Mrs. T supported our students at Southern Stars on days she does not work, while at this week's Monday Kinder Orientation and Senior Assembly, Mrs Toll, Ms Thorley, Mrs Davis and Mr Dill (who came to school with their young pre-school daughters) gave up time on days they too do not work, to be with their 3/4TD class at assembly and Kinder. Thankyou to all our teachers and staff who do so much for our FMDS children and families.

Whole School Assembly & P&C Next Week

Our next Whole School Assembly will take place next Wednesday, 14th September, 2.15-3.00pm as Stage 1 + K-4W will have their re-scheduled Killalea Excursion the following Week 10 Wednesday, 21st September. Our Senior Yr.3-6 Assembly will also take place on Monday, 19th September, 2.15-3.00 from a previous cancelled Monday assembly, but there will not be a Junior K-2 Assembly on Tuesday. Remember P&C Meeting next week too.

Grandparents Day, Week 10 , Monday, 19th September

This year our Grandparents Day will include Morning Tea, our choir, 3/4TD medley of old and new songs, Open Classrooms, our senior students questions of school days "of old" (not too old though !!!) etc etc – a fun morning for all.

IMB School Banking

I remind all parents and children that IMB School Banking has now commenced at FMDS, care of our local IMB Branch across the road. Banking days and information is available in the IMB Green Sheets found in the front office foyer. Time to save for later !!!

What's happening @ FMDS?

Week 8

September

- 5 Kinder Orientation Session 3 9.10-10.30
- Stage 3 Yr. 5&6 Gymsports 9.00-1.45
- Assembly 3-6 2.15-3.00 (3/4TD Lead)
- 6 Assembly K-2 2.15-3.00 (1A Lead)
- 8 UOW 2nd Yr. Dem Students
- 9 Brokers Gala Day

Week 9

- 12 Stage 3 Yr. 5&6 Gymsports 9.00-1.45
- 14 Whole School Assembly, 2.15-3.00
- P&C Meeting, 7.00 pm

Week 10

- 19 Grandparents Day, 10.00-11.00
- Stage 3 Yr. 5&6 Gymsports 9.00-1.45
- Assembly Senior Yr. 3-6, 2.15-3.00pm
- 21 Killalea Excursion Stage 1 + K-4W
- Spelling Bee Finals, Austinmer P.S.
- (Good luck Cohen, Kaitlyn, Jovana and Isabelle)
- 22 UOW 2nd Yr. Dem Students
- 23 Last Day of Term 3

Term 4 Starts

October

- 10 Monday, All students K-6 return to school

SRC Coin Line

Our latest Student Representative Council (SRC) initiative is a class coin line competition. Each class will bring coins from home over a two week period to place in a specially decorated container in their classroom made by our senior SRC leaders. On Monday 19th September, all classes will place their coins, no matter how large or small in denomination (5c,10c,20,50, \$1 etc) in a line. The class with the most coins, ie. the longest line, will be the winner and receive a prize. I am happy to provide extra play as a bonus to the class. All money raised will go toward purchasing more school sporting team uniforms. For example, after the success of our girls' soccer team this year, they need to have their own team soccer shirts and not have to borrow the boy's shirts. So help us make a big change with all your little change left around at home !!! Thankyou from our wonderful SRC.

Full School Uniform

I remind all parents and children with so many visitors to FMDS (Principals, Office Staff, UOW Students, 2017 Kinders and parents) that we all need to look our best with our school on show every day (includes black school shoes Monday to Thursday.)

Lost Property Mountain of Clothing, Lunch Boxes, Water Bottles etc

I remind all parents and children to label clearly all your school uniform so it can be easily identified and returned to the owner. At the moment our lost property in the sick bay entrance door is of mountainous size and growing by the day. In four weeks at the end of the term all school clothing without names will be given to the P&C Clothing Pool, clothing with names will be returned and any other items given to the local charity bin. I ask parents to please have a look in the lost property should your child be missing something.

NAPLAN Letters Home to Parents

This week children from Year 3 and Year 5 will bring home their 2016 NAPLAN envelopes. I remind all parents to make certain these envelopes are not left in the bottom of your child' school bag with their drink bottle or leftover lunch.

Swimming Scheme Term 3

I remind parents to consider their child from Yr. 2-6 participating in the upcoming Swim Scheme program designed for children who are not strong swimmers and need improved water confidence and safety. Full payment of \$80 (includes bus and pool fees) must be made by Friday of Week 9, 16th. September. Parents paying by instalment need to start making instalments now.

FMDS Website, Facebook Page, School Sign and SkoolBag App

I hope everyone is having a look at our school website and exciting Facebook Page which are both full of amazing photos, stories and comments from hundreds of viewers showcasing the many talents of our students and staff. With so much happening at FMDS our website, Facebook, School Sign and SkoolBag App show it all. A huge thankyou to the many staff and parents who upload and contribute as well as Mrs Scott who spends countless hours at home updating everything for you to view.



Our Fantastic GA's hard at work on our sensory garden

P&C News

Uniform Shop: Our sports jackets have arrived – FINALLY. We are now fully stocked in all sizes. Our new school hoodies have been very popular and the kids look great in them. Please remember when ordering they are a small make so we suggest ordering a size bigger.

Pie Drive: A big thanks to Cheryl and Sharon from canteen who did a great job organising this fundraiser. Thank you to all who placed orders, we raised approximately \$1200.00 toward the sensory garden.

Father's Day Stall: We hop all the dads, grandads and pops had a fantastic weekend and got spoilt. Thank you to the parent and student helpers on the day and a big thanks to all the wonderful students who came and bought something, you all have exceptional manners, it is an absolute pleasure to see all the smiling faces.

Cadbury Fundraiser: Year 6 – A reminder to all the Year 6 families that our Cadbury Fundraiser is coming to a close. Only 2 weeks to go. Money and unsold chocolates are due back by the 16th Sept however if you would like to keep them over the holidays, please message Angie 0418 167 981 or Jo 0438 859 317. A big thanks to all those who have already returned their money and taken additional boxes.

Canteen News:

We are collecting names for our 2017 roster. If you have ½ day Monday to Thursday or a full day on Friday, once a month, that you could volunteer to assist please call into the canteen to add your name to the roster. Thank you all in advance.

Our wonderful helpers for the next two weeks are:

Mon 5/9		Mon 12/9	
Tue 6/9		Tue 13/9	Ashleigh Chambers
Wed 7/9		Wed 14/9	
Thur 8/9	Megan Melfi	Thur 15/9	Melissa Helmund
Frid 9/9	Lisa Springett	Frid 16/9	



Fairy Meadow Demonstration School Staff

Book Character Parade 2016



2016 Charity
Car and Bike
SHOW



September 25th
9:00am – 2:00pm

All Makes and Models Welcomed



"Red Dog on the Green"

Collegians Sports Club, The Avenue

Figtree

www.classiccarclubillawarra.com.au

Gold coin donation on entry

